

CARRIERS' ADDRESS

TO THE

Patrons of the Knoxville Chronicle.

BY CHARLES D. M'GOFFET, ESQ.

Night sleeps on Judah's purple hills,
Silence the azure concave fills.
Prose, by his fleecy charge at rest,
While sweet contentment fills his breast.
The Jewish shepherd musing low:
Bursts there open his dashed eyes
A flood of mellow, heaven-born light.
Hiding the sombre veil of night.
Was not the sun in splendor beaming,
Two not the moonlight, coldly streaming?
It was not meteor-shine, nor lightning,
The gorgeous concave instant brightened
That, rushing on the shepherd's eye,
Illumined heaven's vast canopy?
Hus calling down the radiant sky,
Bright messengers from worlds on high
Appeared, up-borne on wings of fire.
A seraph host, an angel choir.
While heavenly voices loud proclaim
Thanksgiving in a Saviour's name.
Once more the wheeling earth lies round
Its annual circuit round the sun;
Once more it marks Christmas here,
Laden with gifts our hearts to cheer.
The whistling winds have swept from each
The leaves to which the Spring gave birth.
The Summer's glow, the Autumn's gold,
Have fled before stern frosty old.
These howlings nightly greet the ear,
And fill the homesick heart with fear.
Oh, not to idle empty mirth
Should such a day as this give birth!
But kindred hearts should kindle glow,
Stronger the bonds of love should grow,
And heaven-born charity should stand
Dispensing gifts with either hand.
And yearly, at the Christmas hour,
When own our hearts its bollowed power,
What loving eye in brightness shone
Would many a household shrive.
Oh, may we strive each year to grow
More like the One who came below.
And bore the anguish, wrong and shame,
To save us by His holy name.
Like Him, each other's burden bear,
Like Him, our brother's crosses share.
Like Him, still softer as we go
Good deeds, like flowers, on earth below,
And hope to find, like Him, a rest
Dormant on the Father's breast.

This merry Christmas morning, friends,
THE CARRIER on his journey sends
To wish you, "mid your festive cheer,
"A Happy Christmas and New Year!"
Well many a time he lonely form,
Through Winter's cold and Summer's storm,
A sturdy man has made his way,
While encircling snags in bed yon far,
To drop, your walking to await,
The Christmas within your gate:
Which kept you posted, day by day
On matters near and far away,
And struggled with a manly fight,
To gain each victory for the right—
To open wide the Free School door.
To all the children of our State,
And winter knowledge more and more.
But we have cause to dread the few
Deserved by every State and Nation
Pride to the rising generation:
To bridge our streams, our mountains pierce,
And all their buried wealth unfold—
Our coal and iron, better far
Than silver veins or dust of gold:
We set our streams at labor, too,
Teach steam to forge, and cleave, and hew,
And all the hidden strength expand
Of this, our favored mountain state.

Brought you the news of battles far—
The march, the siege, the shock of war:
Last evening's fight, per Ocean Cable,
Stand at this morning's breakfast-table:
The Prussian's song, the Frenchman's cheer,
The leading charge of cuisines,
The deep gun's deep and thunderous roar,
The victim's shout, the dying groan,
The death-haunt, where the work was done
Of Nick's new toy, the *mirabilis*:
Now shown, in blood-traced panoramas,
Each scene of all the fearful drama,
Till now beside the Seine's fair banks
Defiant, hostile standards float,
And William stands 'mid steel-capped rocks,
His grasp on struggling Paris' throat,
While 'twixt Von Molte and the more
Cannibals pass, per balloon.
And Britain's lieu near at hand,
With half-closed eye-lid sows
At where, beside the Bosphorus,
The Northern Bruce grows.

At peace in fair Columbia's land,
With joy and mirth on every hand,
Thrice may we bless our favored lot
When monarch's quarrel vex us not,
Nor suppliant knee shall e'er incline
To earthly master's "right divine."

God honor to the patriot true
Who, when the war-snow swept our land,
To triumph led our armies through,
With dauntless heart and skillful hand,
Till gaudy rancor, o'er earth and sea,
Our watchword—"God Grant Victory!"
We saw rebellion's standards fall
As though before redoubtless fate.

Then at a grateful Nation's call
Received, in peace, the helm of State,
And safely guides the ship to-day
While tempests bright outspread display,
Our motto from the masthead rolls—
"None Freedom, Equal Rights to All!"
But, blessed! can it be so? Is it
The CHRONICLE's first Christmas gift?
We've grown to know our friends so well
In these few months, we scarce can tell
How long it seems since we began.
And then our friends have come to us,
And many that we scarcely can
believe, we've gained them all so quickly.
But still we hope, with every year,
To spread our circle wide and wider,
And prove of jolly ample cheer.

As kindly welcomed a provider,
To-day, still other cheer invites you,
And not alone a "feast of reason,"
But feast more tangible delights you
Throughout the merry Christmas season.

But, 'midst mince pie and turkey eaten,
Pay don't forget the Captain's greeting,
Show your appreciation, de!
Open your hearts and pocket, too,
And give him, straight, expensive merriment.
A benison to this Christmas morning!

Mark Twain writes the following answer to a correspondent: *Young Author*. Yes, Agassiz does recommend authors to eat fish, because the phosphorus it makes brains. So far you are correct. But I cannot help you to a decision about the amount you need to eat—at least, not with certainty. If the specimen composition you send is about your usual average, I should judge that perhaps a couple of whales would be all you would want for the present. Not the largest kind, but simply good middle-sized whales.

Board of Trade.

The Board of Trade met yesterday evening, according to adjournment, and was called to order by President Dickinson.

The report of the Committee on the Merchants' Tax Bill was read by Capt. W. W. Woodruff, and unanimously adopted.

The report is as follows:

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 22, 1870.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

Your Committee, appointed to express the views of this body in reference to the re-enactment of the Merchants' Tax Law by the State Legislature, beg leave to submit the following memorial for your consideration, and should it meet your approval, ask its adoption.

W. W. WOODRUFF,

L. C. Rose,
C. W. COFFIN,
S. B. BOYD,
C. J. McCUNE,

Committee.

To the Honorable General Assembly of Tennessee:

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Trade, merchants and citizens of Knoxville, co-operating with the merchants of Nashville, Memphis and other localities in the State, respectfully protest against the passage of any law upon the subject of revenue, which will impose unequal taxation upon the mercantile interests of the State. As merchants and representatives of this important interest, we are willing to contribute, in common with our fellow-citizens of all other classes, our full proportion of the revenue necessary to pay the public debt and maintain the State government. But to do more than this, seems to us to be unwise, as it is unequal and unjust.

The mercantile interest is as essential to the future growth and prosperity of the State as any other department of business within its limits. A discrimination against it in the taxation or exorbitant taxes would but serve to build up rival commercial interests in adjoining States, to the detriment of our commerce, and ultimately result in a diminution instead of an increase of revenue to be derived from this source.

With these convictions, and in obedience to the wishes of the enlightened and patriotic body represented by us, we respectfully but firmly protest against the passage of any law so well calculated to depress our commerce and retard the growth and permanent prosperity of Tennessee.

P. DICKINSON, Pres't.

J. W. GAUT, Secretary.

The Committee on Unfinished Railroads, through their chairman, Col. C. M. McFee, reported the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Macon and Knoxville Railroad has been chartered by the State of Georgia and has received from that State so insufficient a State loan as to secure its completion at an early date; and,

WHEREAS, Our Legislature has yet failed to pass an enabling act under the New Constitution, by which the right of way and necessary privileges may be procured from properly authorized tribunals; therefore,

Resolved, In view of the deep interest which, in common with our whole community, we feel in the construction of this much needed thoroughfare, we earnestly request our members of the Legislature to take such steps as may be necessary to clothe the Knoxville and Macon Railroad Company with all proper power, and privileges as will enable it to construct a railroad from the point at which it enters the State of Tennessee to Knoxville.

Resolved, That our Secretary be requested to communicate the above preamble and resolution to the Board of Trade of the city of Macon, and to pledge our earnest support and cooperation in furthering the good work.

C. M. McGEE, Chairman.

Col. McFee stated that he had recently visited Louisville, and had taken occasion to converse with some of the officers of the Louisville and Nashville road relative to the completion of the Knoxville and Kentucky road. He said he was assured by them that whenever the latter road comes to a sale under the law which has recently passed the Legislature in relation to delinquent roads, the Louisville and Nashville road would probably purchase it. He said the business men of Louisville were anxious to have a connection with Knoxville. He felt somewhat sanguine of the completion of a line to Louisville. He thought a committee ought to be appointed by our Board of Trade to confer with the Board of Trade of Louisville in relation to the subject.

Col. Baxter thought this was a very important enterprise to us. He thought it would be proper to call a meeting of the Stockholders of the Knoxville and Kentucky Road, and obviate the delay of litigation. It was important to the public and important to the stockholders.

On motion, the President was requested to appoint a committee to visit Louisville, in accordance with the suggestion of Col. C. M. McGee. The President requested time for a day or two to appoint the committee.

Col. C. M. McGhee stated that a letter had been received from the Blue Ridge Road, signifying their willingness to purchase the Knoxville and Charleston Road and would complete it to the Little Tennessee River. He also stated that a letter had been received from William A. Gunn, Chief Engineer of the Cincinnati and Southern Railroad, to a gentleman in this city, assuring him that in the location of the road Knoxville would receive a full share of attention.

The President announced that Prof. H. Nicholson had promised to deliver the next lecture in the course promised to the Board during the winter.

The Board then adjourned.

Look to Your License.

We see in the Memphis *Scallop* that Judge Immons, on Thursday, rendered a very important decision in regard to Internal Revenue Taxes, which may be of interest to our readers. He sustained the proceedings by indictment against lawyers and physicians, tobacco and liquor dealers and others, who have been pursuing their avocations without paying the special tax imposed by the revenue laws. Over one hundred of these indictments are on the docket of the United States Circuit Court, and this decision of the Court exposes all the parties to speedy judgment and severe penalties.

Not Weary in Well Doing.

The teachers of the night school at the Old Methodist Church, instituted by Capt. J. M. Harris, are doing a noble work in training the children of the poor in educational pursuits. There are several ladies who have displayed the most untiring zeal, whose names we forbear mentioning, but their scholars will not.

Captain Harris, Major Murphy and Rev. Mr. Boyington are lending their influence, which is being sensibly felt for good throughout the city. The children are eager to learn and are punctual in attendance, and years in the future many will bless the noble teachers of the night school now being taught in this city.

A Happy Man.

The *Nashville Banner* says the happiest man in Tennessee is the editor of the *Winchester Home Journal*. He has no poor relations and doesn't believe in hell.

An Excellent Medium.

The Knoxville CHRONICLE has a large circulation in East Tennessee, and is the best advertising medium in this portion of the State.

COMMERCIAL.

Knoxville Wholesale Market.

Review of the Produce Market for the week ending December 27, 1870.

COMMENDED BY J. W. GAUT, MARKET-SQUARE, KNOXVILLE, December 27, 1870.

As last reported, money is scarce, and the rate of interest no better.

There has been some grain shipped within the past week. Corn begins to move off freely at \$2.50/bushel, sacked in bags.

The wheat market has been better for the last two weeks, and considerable quantities have been shipped during that time at better prices. Good white wheat, well cleaned, would bring \$1.00 per bushel, while an inferior article not more than 70¢/bushel. Red and Walker or wheat will sell at \$2.00/bushel, owing to the quality. Some wheat yet remains in the country to be brought out.

There has been but little doing in bulk meat. Some has been shipped to the South, but no return has yet been received.

The dried fruit trade is about exhausted. Some few apples remain in the country yet, but there is little demand for them. Peaches are in fair demand at 6¢/lb 7½ cents.

We have begun again to buy Dry Beans, at 40 cents per 100 lbs. Now is the time for idle persons to get employment. An indirection man can make from \$5.00 to \$8.00 per day with a two-horse wagon.

Wheat is readily taken at 10¢/lb for prime white, 80¢/lb for as to quality, and 90¢/lb for Walker or Amber, as to quality.

CORNS.—At the present time there is a limited local demand. OATS—Firm and in demand at 6¢/lb. Corns sacked in bags by our local packers.

PEPPERS.—Fair demand at 60¢/lb for prime mixed.

BUTTER.—Ample supply, 15¢/lb. Packed for shipment 22¢/lb.

EGGS.—With demand, varied apples 35¢/lb, peaches 65¢/lb.

DRIED FRUIT.—In fair demand. Packed apples 35¢/lb, peaches 65¢/lb.

INNATE POTATOES.—Dull. But little demand for shipment.

GROWN APPLES.—Well selected, large smooth apples 35¢/lb.

HAMS.—Fair demand at 25¢/lb for prime mixed.

HOGS.—With demand at 25¢/lb for prime mixed.

MUTTON.—With demand at 25¢/lb for prime mixed.

ONIONS.—Ample supply, 15¢/lb.

PEPPERS.—Ample supply, 15¢/lb.

POUNDS.—Ample supply, 15¢/lb.